

ACOTE® April 2015 Accreditation Actions

The AOTA Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) met in April 2015 and took the following accreditation actions:

Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to an initial on-site evaluation:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
Indiana State University (OTM), Terre Haute, Indiana	Accreditation	7	2019/2020
Navarro College-Midlothian Campus (OTA), Midlothian, Texas (Additional location of Navarro College, Corsicana, Texas)	Accreditation	1	2015/2016
University of Louisiana at Monroe (OTM), Monroe, Louisiana	Accreditation	5	2019/2020

*Accreditation Granted following an initial on-site evaluation: The accreditation review process confirms that the program is in substantial compliance with the ACOTE Accreditation Standards for a Doctoral-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapist, a Master's-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapist, or an Associate-Degree-Level Educational Program for the Occupational Therapy Assistant. A program in **substantial compliance** with the Standards may be in noncompliance with one or more specific Standards that are believed to be readily correctable. At the time of ACOTE action, ACOTE awards an accreditation period based on the following criteria:*

- 5-year review cycles are the standard number of years for initial accreditation; and
- 7-year review cycles are granted to those programs that have no areas of noncompliance and have demonstrated exceptional educational quality.

Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a re-accreditation on-site evaluation:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION	TERM	NEXT ON-SITE
Austin Community College (OTA), Austin, Texas	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
Cape Fear Community College (OTA), Wilmington, North Carolina	Accreditation	10	2024/2025
East Carolina University (OTM), Greenville, North Carolina	Accreditation	10	2024/2025
Midwestern University-Glendale Campus (OTM), Glendale, Arizona (transitioned from additional location of Midwestern University-Downers Grove to independent program)	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
New York University (OTM), New York, New York	Accreditation	10	2024/2025
Owens Community College (OTA), Toledo, Ohio	Accreditation	10	2024/2025
Pitt Community College (OTA), Greenville, North Carolina	Accreditation	10	2024/2025
Polk State College (OTA), Winter Haven, Florida	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
St. Louis Community College at Meramec (OTA), St. Louis, Missouri	Accreditation	7	2021/2022
University of Alabama at Birmingham (OTM), Birmingham, Alabama	Accreditation	5	2019/2020
University of Central Arkansas (OTM), Conway, Arkansas	Accreditation	7	2021/2022

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- 5-year review cycles are given to programs that are reaccredited, but raise significant concerns as determined by ACOTE;
- 7-year review cycles are the standard number of years for reaccreditation; and
- 10-year review cycles are granted to those programs that have no areas of noncompliance and have demonstrated exceptional educational quality.

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Plan of Correction:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Western New Mexico University (OTA), Silver City, NM	Probationary Accreditation

Probationary Accreditation Action: Probationary Accreditation is an accreditation category. During a period of Probationary Accreditation, programs are recognized and listed as being accredited. Probationary Accreditation is usually limited to 1 year. However, extensions may be granted by ACOTE for good cause. Programs receiving ACOTE's notification of a change of status to Probationary Accreditation must notify currently enrolled students and those seeking admission that the program has been placed on probation. Probationary status may be removed when the program has demonstrated that it is in substantial compliance with the Standards:

- *Because the areas of noncompliance are resolved, or*
- *Because the program has documented significant progress toward compliance with the cited areas of noncompliance within the allowed time period.*

Failure to come into substantial compliance with the Standards within the allowed time period will result in a change of status to Accreditation Withdrawn.

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a request from the program to voluntarily withdraw from accreditation:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
College of Southern Nevada (OTA), Las Vegas, NV	Accreditation Withdrawn--Voluntary

Accreditation Withdrawn—Voluntary: The appropriate official of a program may at any time inform ACOTE in writing that the program is or will be discontinued by a given date or wishes to have accreditation withdrawn

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Significant Program Change:

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Brown Mackie College-Northern Kentucky (OTA), Fort Mitchell, KY	Approval to move primary location for the Albuquerque, NM; Greenville, SC; Quad Cities, IA; and St. Louis, MO campuses to the Kansas City Campus.
Bryant & Stratton College-Henrietta Campus (OTA), Rochester, NY	Approval to move developing program to Greece Campus, Rochester, NY
Ozarks Technical Community College (OTA), Springfield, MO	Approval to offer a hybrid/online format for lecture courses
St. Catherine University-Minneapolis (OTA), Minneapolis, Minnesota	Approval of cohorts in Virginia.
University of Mary (OTM), Bismarck, North Dakota	Approval of cohort in Billings, Montana.

Final ACOTE decisions subsequent to a review of an initial Report of Self-Study (Step 2 of the Initial Accreditation Process):

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Brown Mackie College-Dallas/Ft. Worth (OTA), Bedford, TX	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences (OTM), Concord, NC	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Career Training Solutions (OTA), Fredericksburg, VA	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Piedmont Technical College-Newberry Campus (OTA), Newberry, SC	Deny Preaccreditation Status
Southwestern Community College-Jackson/Sylva Campus (OTA), Sylva, NC	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Stanbridge College (OTM), Irvine, CA	Grant Preaccreditation Status
Tyler Junior College (OTA), Tyler, TX	Grant Preaccreditation Status
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences-Texas Campus (OTM), Austin, TX	Grant Preaccreditation Status

Preaccreditation Status Granted: The proposed program would appear to meet the Standards if fully implemented in accordance with the plans of the sponsoring institution. An initial on-site evaluation will be conducted before an accreditation decision is made.

Preaccreditation Status Denied: The proposed program does not meet one or more of the Standards and there does not appear to be evidence of the ability to comply within the immediate future. No further action will be taken unless the program sends notification of the intent to proceed with the accreditation process. The institution retains the option of proceeding with the initial on site evaluation.

Final ACOTE decision subsequent to a review of a Candidacy Application (Step 1 of the Initial Accreditation Process):

PROGRAM, LEVEL, CITY, STATE	DECISION
Allen College (OTM), Waterloo, IA	Candidacy Status Granted
Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (OTA), Jonesboro, AR	Candidacy Status Granted
Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (OTD), Jonesboro, AR	Candidacy Status Deferred (4/18/2015) Candidacy Status Granted (5/19/2015)
Boston University, College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (Sargent College) (OTD), Boston, MA	Candidacy Status Granted
Carroll University (OTM), Waukesha, WI	Candidacy Status Granted
Hofstra University (OTM), Hempstead, NY	Candidacy Status Granted
Jackson State Community College (OTA), Jackson, TN	Candidacy Status Granted
Kaplan College-Dallas (OTA), Dallas, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
Keiser University, Ft. Lauderdale Campus (OTM), Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Candidacy Status Granted
Missouri State University (OTM), Springfield, MO	Candidacy Status Granted
Pima Medical Institute-Houston (OTA), Houston, TX	Candidacy Status Granted
South University-Richmond (OTA), Glen Allen, VA	Candidacy Status Granted
South University-Virginia Beach (OTA), Virginia Beach, VA	Candidacy Status Granted
Trinity Washington University (OTM), Washington, DC	Candidacy Status Granted
University of South Dakota (OTD), Vermillion, SD	Candidacy Status Granted
Villa Maria College (OTA), Buffalo, NY	Candidacy Status Granted

Candidacy Status Granted: The proposed program may now admit its first class of students according to the approved timeline and proceed to step 2 of the initial accreditation process (the preaccreditation review), which will be followed by step 3 (the initial on-site evaluation). Candidacy Status indicates that the program meets the requirements for Candidacy Status and the plans and resource allocations for the proposed program, if fully implemented, appear to demonstrate the ability to comply with the 2011 ACOTE Accreditation Standards.

Candidacy Status Deferred: Information received from the program is incomplete and/or insufficient for evaluation. Supplementary information is requested for consideration at a subsequent ACOTE meeting.

As of May 18, 2015, the number of program locations in the accreditation process totaled 480.

Program Status	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA	TOTAL
Accredited Programs	7	152	188	347
Accredited Additional Locations	0	9	24	33
Candidate Programs	13	15	28	56
Developing Additional Locations	0	2	1	3
Applicant Programs	10	9	21	40
Applicant Additional Locations	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	30	187	263	480

Additional information regarding occupational therapy accreditation may be obtained from the ACOTE Accreditation section of the AOTA Web page (www.acoteonline.org) or from AOTA accreditation staff at (301) 652-6611 x2914 or accred@aota.org.